

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CITY OF JASPER
JUNE 26, 2012**

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Jasper, Indiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, June 26, 2012, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street.

CALL TO ORDER

Presiding Officer Mayor Terry Seitz called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Clerk Bernita Heim then called the roll:

Mayor Terry Seitz	Present
Board member Timothy Bell	Present
Board member David Prechtel	Present

Also present were Assistant Police Chief Nathan Schmitt, Assistant Street Commissioner Jeff Theising, City Engineer Chad Hurm, Personnel/Safety/Loss Control Director Cale Knies, Fire Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Kenneth Hochgesang, and City Attorney William Shaneyfelt.

Building Commissioner/Zoning Administrator Darla Blazey and Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm were absent.

Clerk Bernita Heim announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the board members must be present. All three board members were present; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Seitz invited all those present to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The board members examined the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 12, 2012. Thereafter, a **motion** was made by David Prechtel and seconded by Timothy Bell to approve the minutes as published. Motion carried 3-0.

ST. CHARLES STREET SPEED LIMIT

Council member Kevin Manley on behalf of some St. Charles Street residents asked the Board to reduce the speed limit on St. Charles Street from Schuetter Road to 36th Street from 30 mph to 25 mph. In 2009 they made the same request, but the city decided to keep the speed limit at 30 mph but install two radar speed signs and place speed limit markings on the road. Manley said the residents think the curves in the road are the issues so if they reduce the speed drivers can better navigate the curves and avoid hitting mailboxes and possibly hitting someone on the walking path on the east side of the street.

Assistant Police Chief Nathan Schmitt said there were seven accidents reported in 2010 and 2011 but not all accidents were related to speed. City Engineer Chad Hurm recommended doing another speed study in that area to see if the radar speed signs have made a difference since they were installed.

There was some discussion about what causes the accidents, whether it is speed, the curves, or some other distractions.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to do a speed study on St. Charles Street between Schuetter Road and 36th Street and compare it to previous speed studies in that same area. Motion carried 3-0.

Manley then requested studies also be done on St. Charles Street between Truman Road and State Road 56, St. Charles Street between State Road 56 and Schuetter Road, and on Schuetter Road between US231 and St. Charles Street.

CITY ATTORNEY

Mayor Seitz introduced Renee Kabrick who will be serving as the city attorney beginning July 2, 2012.

DEMOLITION QUOTES

City Attorney William Shaneyfelt opened the following sealed quotes for demolition of a building at 120 S Main St.

Lechner's Inc.	\$ 7,700.00
Knies Construction Inc.	\$15,850.00
Durcholz Excavating	No quote submitted

Quotes were taken under advisement.

LASER RANGEFINDER QUOTES

City Engineer Chad Hurm sought the following quotes for a laser rangefinder to match our existing equipment.

Precision Products	\$ 1,795.00
Continental Sales	No quote submitted
Seiler Instrument & Mfg. Co., Inc.	No quote submitted

A **motion** was made by Timothy Bell and seconded by David Prechtel to accept the quote from Precision Products for a laser rangefinder for \$ 1,795.00. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION NO. BPWS 2012-3

Mayor Seitz read Resolution No. BPWS 2012-3 by its title, A Resolution of the Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Jasper, Indiana, Regarding Road Inventory. City Engineer Chad Hurm said this resolution adds .63 miles to the city's road inventory and will be forwarded to the State of Indiana.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by David Prectel to pass and adopt Resolution No. BPWS 2012-3. Motion carried 3-0.

WEST VIEW ESTATES II

City Engineer Chad Hurm said Terry Streicher, the developer for West View Estates II, asked to reduce the performance bond from \$ 578,888.00 to \$ 100,000.00. Respective department heads signed off on the improvements that are completed.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to reduce the performance bond for West View Estates II from \$ 578,888.00 to \$ 100,000.00. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION NO. BPWS 2012-4

Mayor Seitz read Resolution No. BPWS 2012-4 by its title, A Resolution of the Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Jasper, Indiana, Amending the Jasper Police Department Handbook. This resolution amends policy 105 Hiring of Relatives because the city adopted a nepotism policy.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by David Prectel to pass and adopt Resolution No. BPWS 2012-4. Motion carried 3-0.

POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT

Assistant Police Chief Nathan Schmitt distributed copies of the May 2012 police department activities report.

TRAFFIC SAFETY AUXILIARY OFFICERS

Assistant Police Chief Nathan Schmitt asked permission to hire two traffic safety auxiliary officers to replace two officers that will be retiring.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by David Prectel to work with the personnel director to hire two traffic safety auxiliary officers and to establish a roster of applicants. Motion carried 3-0.

STREET DEPARTMENT POOL OF APPLICANTS

Assistant Street Commissioner Jeff Theising said they hired a person from Arizona to fill the position of an employee who recently retired. He then asked permission to keep a pool of applicants on file for future reference.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to adopt a list of recent applicants seeking to work at the street department and keep the list on file until June 30, 2013. Motion carried 3-0.

UPDATES

Assistant Street Commissioner Jeff Theising gave a street paving update. He also gave an update on the sidewalk replacement program.

YAGGI'S DUMPSTER

Assistant Street Commissioner Jeff Theising said they want to repair the sidewalk along 6th Street near Yaggi's Restaurant and in order to do so the dumpster for Yaggi's Restaurant needs to be moved. He asked permission to place the dumpster in a parking space near their parking lot at 6th and Jackson Streets while the sidewalk is being repaired.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to place the dumpster in a parking space near 6th and Jackson Streets while the sidewalk in that area is repaired. Motion carried 3-0.

CLOSE ALLEY

Assistant Street Commissioner Jeff Theising asked permission to close the alley on the south side of 5th street between Jackson and Mill Streets near Kunkel Insurance in order to replace the crumbling concrete in the alley.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by David Prechtel to close the alley along 5th Street between Jackson and Mill Streets and do the concrete work in the same time frame as the work is being done on the sidewalk near Yaggi's Restaurant. Motion carried 3-0.

SOUTH NEWTON STORM SEWER

City Engineer Chad Hurm said the city received the findings regarding the storm sewer collapse on South Newton Street. It appears 240 ft. of storm sewer needs to be replaced. Hurm is compiling some cost estimates for that project. Funding for this project needs to be discussed.

HIGH WEED COMPLAINTS

Fire Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Kenneth Hochgesang reported to the board the names of property owners and the locations that have been cited under 5.12.040 weed removal/notice. The names and locations are as follows:

Owner: Lina B. Dooley, 440 E 2000 N, Dale, IN 47523
Location: 110 S Main Street, Jasper Original Pt Lot 206

Owner: Nicholas Evans, 1888 Emily Street, Jasper, IN 47546
Location: Badendorff Addition Pt Lot 5

Owner: Joshua A. Krohn, 206 E 22nd, Huntingburg, IN 47542
Location: 3106 Leslie Drive, Northwood Park Lot 45

Owner: Matt & Cathy Day, 2807 Howard-1376 W 4th, Jasper, IN 47546
Location: 1175 W 14th Street, Ottawa Hills PT 1 Lots 9, 10

SEEK GRANT

Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang asked permission to seek an Assistance to Firefighters' Grant through FEMA to purchase a new air machine to fill air bottles when fighting fires. The grant will be approximately \$ 40,000.00 and requires a 5% match.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to apply for the Assistance to Firefighters' Grant for a machine to fill air bottles. Motion carried 3-0.

FIREWORKS

The Board discussed fireworks during this dry season and encouraged the public to view public fireworks displays and use caution when shooting off their own fireworks.

There was some discussion about the new state law regarding stages and how it will affect such events as the Strassenfest.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to come before the board, a **motion** was made by David Prechtel and seconded by Timothy Bell to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 3-0 and the meeting adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

The minutes were hereby approved ____ with X without corrections or clarification this 10th day of July, 2012.

Mayor Terry Seitz
Presiding Officer

Attest:

Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer